

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] The front enclosure 18 is a contoured member having a curved and sloping facing surface with portal 18a formed centrally therethrough. The top, bottom and lateral surfaces of the front enclosure member 18 are relatively flat and essentially rectangular in their disposition so that a substantially rectangular opening is provided at the back of the front enclosure member to cover the forwardly facing infrared camera unit 36 and join with the forwardly facing surface of the rear enclosure member 20. The cavity of the front enclosure member 18 is formed to accept the infrared camera unit 36 and its associated electronics boards 40 and 42 along with the battery compartment 20a projecting forward from the rear enclosure member 20. The cavity of the front enclosure member 18 and its surrounding wall sections allow the infrared camera unit 36 and its forwardly facing sensor array to align with and rest in immediate proximity to the portal ~~18b~~ 18a so that the camera unit is provided with a clear field of view therethrough. A protective lens 70 made of a germanium glass or similar material transmissive to infrared radiation is formed to fit onto the front of the portal 18a to reduce the effects of incident heat energy on the camera unit 36. A ring-like cover 72 made of the same plastic material as that of the front enclosure 18 is fastened thereto and used to secure the protective lens 70 in place over the portal ~~18b~~ 18a.